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ARTICLE 32 ANNOUNCED

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FORT HOOD, Texas - The Army has appointed an Investigating Officer for the pre-trial investigation, Article 32 hearing, to determine if there is sufficient evidence for courts-martial proceedings in the case of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan.

The appointment document appointing a military judge, Colonel James Pohl, was relayed to Colonel Pohl and Major Hasan's defense team this morning (Monday, 8 February). The appointment memo grants the Investigating Officer discretion to approve reasonable delays in the commencement of the hearing, but set a preliminary date of 1 March 2010 to proceed.

Charges were filed Nov. 12 against Hasan for the Nov. 5 shooting incident at Fort Hood. The charges include 13 specifications of premeditated murder, in violation of Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and 32 specifications of attempted premeditated murder, in violation of Article 80.

These charges are allegations and the accused is considered innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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